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SUBJECT:REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOTHERAPISTS

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1. REPLY TO REFERENCE RECEIVED FROM NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADAMHA, INDICATES LACK OF AGREEMENT REGARDING DEFINITIONS AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS EXISTS AMONG PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS IN THE U.S. THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED FOR WHATEVER ASSISTANCE IT MAY BE TO THE UK-DHSS. ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION, THERE ARE NO SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSING OR REGULATING PSYCHOTHERAPY BY OTHERS THAN PSYCHIATRISTS. THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDING PSYCHOTHERAPY ARE THE SAME AS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ANY LICENSED PHYSICIAN. THE MAJORITY OF THE STATES THAT DO LICENSE OTHER THAN PHYSICIANS TO PRACTICE PSYCHOTHERAPY ARE LICENSING PSYCHOLOGISTS.

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2. WITH RESPECT TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, THE RECENTLY PASSED D.C. LICENSING FOR THE PRACTICE OF PSYCHOLOGISTS DOES NOT COVER PSYCHOTHERAPISTS. THE MATTER OF REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOTHERAPISTS IN CALIFORNIA IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION.

3. HOWEVER, THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION OF PSYCHOTHERAPY,

FOUND IN THE PSYCHIATRIC GLOSSARY, 4TH EDITION, 1975,
MAY BE USEFUL TO THE UK-DHSS: A GENERIC TERM FOR THE
TREATMENT OF MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL DISORDERS BASED PRI-
MARILY UPON VERBAL OR NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATION WITH THE
PATIENT. A MAJOR TREATMENT METHOD OF PSYCHIATRISTS AND
OTHER PHYSICIANS TRAINED IN PSYCHIATRIC MEDICINE. NON-
MEDICAL PSYCHOTHERAPY MAY BE CARRIED OUT BY PSYCHOLOGISTS,
SOCIAL WORKERS, NURSES, PASTORAL COUNSELORS, AND OTHER
PROFESSIONALS WITH SPECIAL TRAINING IN THE TECHNIQUE.

4. NIMH STATES THAT IT HAS REQUESTED MATERIAL PERTAINING
TO ABOVE SUBJECT FROM THE WASHINGTON PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY
WHICH IT WILL BE PLEASED TO FORWARD TO THE BRITISH
EMBASSY OR TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON, AS DESIRED.
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